

EXHIBIT 17

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT,
L.P.,

Debtor.

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-34054

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT
FUND ADVISORS, L.P. and NEXPOINT
ADVISORS, L.P.,

Appellants,

v.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT,
L.P.,

Appellee.

Civ. Act. No. 3:21-cv-00538-N

APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID C. GODBEY, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE:

COME NOW Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. and NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (the "Movants" or "Appellants"), creditors and parties-in-interest in the above styled and numbered bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Debtor"), and file this their *Motion for Stay Pending Appeal* (the "Motion"), respectfully stating as follows:

Contemporaneously herewith, the Appellants are filing their *Brief in Support of Appellants' Motion for Stay Pending Appeal* (the "Brief") and their *Appendix in Support of Appellants' Motion for Stay Pending Appeal* (the "Appendix"). Pursuant to this Motion and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8007, the Appellants request that the Court issue a stay of that certain *Order (i)*



Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief [Bankr. Dkt. No. 1943] (the “Confirmation Order”¹), pending the outcome of this appeal through the Fifth Circuit. Such a stay is justified for the reasons set forth in the Brief, based on the evidence set forth in the Appendix, all of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8007(b)(2)(B), the Appellants state that (A) this Motion was originally made in the Bankruptcy Court on February 28, 2021 [Bankr. Dkt. No. 1955]; (B) the Bankruptcy Court conducted a hearing on March 19, 2021; and (C) the Bankruptcy Court denied the Motion for the reasons given in the transcript of said hearing that is included in the Appendix.²

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Appellants request that the Court enter an Order:

1. Staying the effectiveness of the Confirmation Order pending the conclusion of the appeal thereof through the Fifth Circuit; and
2. Granting such other relief as is just and proper.

¹ Appx. 1.

² Appx. 1199 (beginning on line 13).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 1st day of April, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8007, this Motion was originally filed in the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtor/Appellee opposed the relief requested herein in the Bankruptcy Court, and, after conference regarding the same, the Debtor/Appellee will continue to oppose such relief in this Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on this the 1st day of April, 2021, true and correct copies of this document, with any exhibits attached thereto, were served on the recipients listed below via email, and on April 2, 2021, true and correct copies of this document, with any exhibits attached thereto, were served on the recipients listed below via first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid:

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